

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of the claims replaces all prior versions and listing of the claims in the present application.

Listing of Claims:

.1-15. (canceled)

16. (original) A network settlement method in network provided by a communication company, wherein a registered user is allowed to access the network through a communication terminal of its own to purchase a commodity at a shop, comprising the steps of:

charging a fee of using the network to a payer account of the registered user;

purchasing a commodity at a shop for selling commodities through the network in response to an order from the registered user; and

charging the commodity purchased at the shop through the network to the payer account.

17. (original) The network settlement method according to claim 16, wherein the network is a broadcast network.

18. (original) The network settlement method according to claim 16, wherein the network is a CATV (cable television) network.